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A CORRECTION IN THE STATUS OF VIOLA MACLOSKEYI

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In the January, 1953, issue of Madroño I proposed uniting the two white violets known as Viola pallens (Banks ex DC.) Brainerd and V. Macloskeyi Lloyd and made two combinations under V. pallens, which, because of the rule of priority, are not valid. To comply with this rule, it is necessary, much to my regret, to abandon the name pallens, so much older in the varietal category, in favor of the earlier specific name V. Macloskeyi Lloyd, since the latter has ten years priority over V. pallens (Banks ex DC.) Brainerd. Hence, for all material of this species from California and Oregon, known at this time, I propose the name of V. Macloskeyi subsp. Macloskeyi, and for the northern and eastern material, the name V. Macloskeyi subsp. pallens. Formal citation for this transferal follows:

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